

# Marlborough St Mary's

## News 1- September 2018



Welcome back to all our children and families. Hopefully you all enjoyed the summer break. A special welcome to all our new children. In addition to the new reception children we have many new pupils in classes across the school. We hope you will all be very happy at Marlborough St Mary's.

The year has started off well - certainly less stressful than this time last year, when the infant school was being demolished! This year we are keen to get the children even more involved in supporting the work of the school. Elections have been held and pupils have voted for our new School Councillors, House Captains have been chosen and this year, for the first time, we have been running a Sports Leaders course for Year 6. Children who have volunteered to help with the Playsquad will be meeting soon to discuss their duties and 60 children from KS2 have put themselves forward to be Lunchtime Legends - helping one day a week at lunchtime. Thank you to all our fantastic children and the staff who are helping to organise.



### HARVEST

Harvest time is here again and children from Year 2 to Year 6 will be celebrating on Friday 19th October, 9.30am at St Mary's Church. The Harvest Service will be a mixture of songs, dance and readings, led by Year 4 and Year 6.

Reception and Key Stage 1 will celebrate Harvest in the School Hall on Tuesday 23 October at 2.00pm



Please join us for the celebrations.

### TRAFFIC

As you are aware, we no longer have a crossing patrol person. We have been liaising with the Town Council but there is still no news on another crossing on George Lane.

Because of safety concerns, we are asking all children walking home unaccompanied to leave by the main gate and cross George Lane by the existing crossing. We encourage parents to do the same in the morning.

### VACANCIES

- Temporary Finance Officer - 20 hours per week (flexible).
- Crossing Patrol Person half an hour morning and afternoon.
- Mid-day Supervisory Assistant - to work every lunchtime, helping to supervise children in the hall and playground

If you are interested or know of anyone else who is, please contact the school office. These positions would be subject to references and a DBS check.

### FRIENDS OF MSM



**Cheese and Wine Evening & Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 26th September at 7pm**

This event is open to everyone and we would be delighted to see you there. The Friends work really hard but have great fun, and joining in is a great way to get to know other parents in school.

**Sponsored Bounce - 24th October**

**Christmas Fayre - 7th December**

## SCHOOL GAMES MARK

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements for the 2017/18 academic year included:

Girls' Cricket County Finalists silver medallists.

Gymnastics Team County Finalists silver medallists.

Gymnastics Vault County Winners

3rd place in the Hockey Festival and the Quad Kids.

Mixed Cricket festival semi-finalists.



With a total of 53 young people competing in local inter-school competitions last year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Sophy Scott for all her hard work running all the after school clubs and helping to get all the pupils ready for the festivals. Mrs Heath for her enthusiasm and passion for cricket which has spread through the school. Mrs More for running the tennis club. Marlborough Golf Club and all their fantastic volunteers who have helped us to include Golf in the curriculum and as an after school club. The St John's pupils who helped support our after school clubs.

We look forward to applying once again in 2019!

## HEADLICE

Headlice are an on-going problem in school.

Please make sure that you check your child's hair regularly.

We would recommend that girls with long hair come to school with it tied back or plaited.

If your child comes to school and headlice are visible, we will ask you to take them home to be treated.



## STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome our new teaching assistant, Hayley Vincent. Hayley is supporting in Year 5 in the morning and helping out in Acorn in the afternoons.

## BAGS FOR HELP

We are still fundraising in school, particularly for play equipment for KS2. Tokens are being collected through Tesco 'Bags for Help' scheme. Please support.

## FRIDAY MORNING BOOKS

Children's books are put out every Friday morning for parents to drop in and see what is happening in class. If you can't make Friday morning please ask the teacher if you can see your child's work.

## HOUSE NEWS

Congratulations to our new House Captains



### PHOENIX

Parker Wilson  
Finn O'Reilly



### DRAGON

Max Pratt  
Meenashi Thethron-Seenaj



### GRYPHON

Humza Gul  
Erin Ferris



### PEGASUS

Izzy Barnett  
Will Mundy

Phoenix lead the house point race for this term.  
Only two points ahead of Dragon!

### TERM TOTALS

Phoenix	Gryphon	Pegasus	Dragon
<u>669</u>	586	586	667

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

After hard fought elections, with some very close results, this year's School Councillors are:

Year1: Hedgehog - Emily O'Sullivan  
Squirrel - Isabelle Hughes  
Year 2: Badger - Jemima Prest  
Fox - Alfie Richards  
Year 3: Dragonfly - Jemimah Vunipola  
Swallowtail - Eva Stansby  
Year 4: Mallard - Bethia Prest  
Teal - Joshua Nighy  
Year 5: Otter - Charlotte Morley  
Water Vole - Svea Rosedale  
Year 6: Heron - Rufus Townsend  
Kingfisher - Jack Baker  
Oak: Spencer Whiting

Well done to all on being chosen and for your excellent speeches.

## SMART WATCHES

Mobile phones have never been allowed in school, however we have recently become aware that some children are bringing 'smart' watches into school. 'Smart' watches, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone or can take photographs are not allowed in school and must be left with the teacher or in the school office at the beginning of the day and collected at home time.



## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please do not ride bikes and scooters along the paths or in the school grounds. There are shelters at both ends of the school for you to leave your bike/scooter.



## FACEBOOK

Please do not use Facebook to contact members of staff with queries relating to school. If you have any questions/problems relating to any school matters, please contact the school office in person, by telephone or by email.

## UNIFORM

Please come into school wearing the correct uniform. Wheelie shoes and jewellery are not allowed.

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

This term Headteacher's Awards have been awarded to:

**KS1:** Amber Barr-Richardson,  
Alex Braithwaite and Bradley Townson

**KS2:** Freddie O'Shaughnessy, Emily Gillingham  
and Chloe Simpson



## DEPUTY HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Damian Cleverley and Rufus Townsend



**WELL DONE TO ALL!**

## LOST PROPERTY

Please make sure that all of your child's school uniform is named.

## OFSTED

As previously mentioned, we are expecting a visit from the Ofsted inspectors at any time.



Ofsted have a section on their website where parents can comment on their child's school and the quality of their education. The inspectors look at the results of the parent surveys to inform their inspection of the school. If you are happy with the school and your child's education, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. It can be found at

[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

There is also a link on the school website.

Thank you.

## OPEN MORNING AND EVENING

We will be holding an Open Morning and Open Evening for prospective parents on

Tuesday 2nd October 9.15-10.45am

Wednesday 3rd October 6.00-7.30pm

If you know anyone who may be looking for a school place please let them know.

## BREAKFAST & AFTER AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember that if you pay for Breakfast or Afterschool Club using ParentPay, you must complete a booking form as well.

## Marlborough St Mary's Events Calendar

### Term 1 - Window on the World

#### September

Tuesday 25th - Photographer in school taking individual photographs

Wednesday 26th - Friends of the School AGM - 7.00pm in the School Hall. Everybody welcome

Thursday 27th - Year 3 Performing on the High St. Marlborough Literature Festival 11.00am

Friday 28th - Year 5 and Year 6 Author visit to Marlborough Literature Festival

#### October

Tuesday 2nd - Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.15 - 10.45am

Wednesday 3rd - Open Evening for Prospective Parents 6.00 - 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th - Harvest Lunch

Friday 19th - Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church 9.30am - Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday 23rd - Key Stage 1 Harvest Celebration in the School Hall 2.00pm—Years R, 1 and 2

Wednesday 24th - Sponsored Bounce

Wednesday 24th - Last day of Term 1. Pick up children at 3.15pm as normal.

### Term 2 - Incredible Journeys

#### November

Monday 5th - Start of Term 2

Monday—Friday 5th - 9th - Pencelli Trip for Year 6

Friday 23rd - Coffee and Chat in Studio Hall with Mrs Holford-Wright. All welcome

Monday 26th - Influenza Vaccinations

#### December

Tuesday 4th - Y2 Panto Trip

Friday 7th - Christmas Fayre after school

Tuesday 11th - Y5 Panto Trip

Friday 14th - Carol Service - Key Stage 2, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday 18th - Nativity Play - Key Stage 1, Reception, years 1 and 2

Wednesday 19th - Christmas Lunch /Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 21st - End of Term 2. Pick up children at 1.15pm.